

To Vessel Owners Participating in the NMFS' Observer Program:

Recently, an Observer from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Observer Program was onboard your vessel to collect information on certain aspects of the vessel's fishing activity. Answers to some of the economic questions were difficult to obtain because records are not typically kept aboard the vessel. To alleviate this problem, we ask that you please answer the questions on the attached form and mail it to:

Observer Program
NMFS/NEFSC
166 Water Street
Woods Hole, MA 02543.

Economic data regarding landings and trip costs are more available to the observer than the information you are providing. Data for the attached questions, on the other hand, can only be reliably provided by the vessel's owner. It is extremely important that fishery managers have a complete understanding of the economic constraints faced by commercial fishermen to insure that economic considerations are adequately addressed in regulatory decisions.

There are two parts of the questionnaire that relate to equipment expenditures. The first part asks for dollars spent adding or replacing whole units of equipment. Examples would be the cost of replacing a propulsion engine, adding a winch, replacing a LORAN, etc. Amounts for the first section should be dollars spent in the 12 months prior to the date recorded on the form under date loaded.

The second section asks for dollars spent repairing or maintaining the same categories of equipment. In the repair of equipment, sometimes certain parts are replaced. For example, an engine's alternator. These costs should be included in the REPAIR/MAINTENANCE category and not in the ADD/REPLACE category. Amounts recorded for the REPAIR/MAINTAIN category should be in dollars spent in the 12 months prior to the date recorded on the form under date loaded.

Be assured that the data you provide will be kept in the same confidential manner as all Fishery Sampling information. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Northeast Fisheries Science Center

NMFS FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM

OBS/TRIP ID	VESSEL NAME	DATE LANDED mm/dd/yy / /
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Trip cost information was collected during the trip. Please help with these questions which could not be answered.

AMOUNTS SPENT PURCHASING ITEMS OVER THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

NOTE: If no purchases were made, record a "0" on the appropriate line.

ENGINES (PROPULSION): INCLUDE THE COST OF A "REBUILT" ENGINE IF IT WAS NEVER USED BEFORE ON THIS VESSEL. DO NOT INCLUDE NEW ENGINE PARTS, SUCH AS ALTERNATORS. \$ _____

FISHING GEAR: INCLUDE WHOLE UNITS, SUCH AS TRAWL DOORS, GILLNET PANELS, AND LOBSTER POTS. DO NOT INCLUDE PIECES OF GEAR, SUCH AS RUBBER COOKIES OR PIECES OF TRAWL NET. \$ _____

DECK GEAR: INCLUDE WHOLE UNITS, SUCH AS WINCHES, BOOMS, BLOCKS, ETC. \$ _____

PROCESSING AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT: INCLUDE SORTERS, FILLETING MACHINES, ETC., AS WELL AS GENERATORS AND ENGINES USED TO POWER THIS EQUIPMENT. \$ _____

ELECTRONICS: INCLUDE WHEELHOUSE AND GEAR MOUNTED ELECTRONICS. \$ _____

OTHER: INCLUDE ALL OTHER VESSEL PARTS. EXAMPLES: LENGTHENING THE VESSEL, PAINTING THE ENTIRE VESSEL, ADDING A HEAD, ETC. \$ _____

AMOUNTS SPENT REPAIRING & MAINTAINING ITEMS OVER THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTHS

NOTE: If no repairs or maintenance were done, record a "0" on the appropriate line.

ENGINES (PROPULSION): INCLUDE NEW ENGINE PARTS SUCH AS ALTERNATORS. INCLUDE THE COST OF REBUILDING AN ENGINE THAT WAS USED PREVIOUSLY ON THIS VESSEL. \$ _____

FISHING GEAR: INCLUDE THE COST OF NEW PIECES OF GEAR, SUCH AS HEADROPES, SECTIONS OF TRAWL NET, RUBBER COOKIES, ETC. \$ _____

DECK GEAR: EXAMPLES: REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO WINCHES, BOOMS, BLOCKS, ETC. \$ _____

PROCESSING AND REFRIGERATION EQUIPMENT: INCLUDE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO SORTERS, FILLETING MACHINES, FREEZERS, ETC., AS WELL AS GENERATORS AND ENGINES USED TO POWER THIS EQUIPMENT. \$ _____

ELECTRONICS: INCLUDE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO WHEELHOUSE AND GEAR MOUNTED ELECTRONICS. \$ _____

OTHER: INCLUDE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE TO ALL OTHER VESSEL PARTS. EXAMPLES: TOUCH-UP PAINT, ADDING ZINCS TO THE HULL, REPAIRING THE HEAD, ETC. \$ _____

ANNUAL INSURANCE COSTS: HULL \$_____ P & I \$_____ OR COMBINED \$_____

TO NEAREST DOLLAR, RECORD THE COST FOR HULL AND PROTECTION & INDEMNITY INSURANCE (OR BOTH COMBINED) FOR ONE BILLING YEAR.

ESTIMATE OF VESSEL VALUE: TO NEAREST THOUSAND DOLLARS, RECORD THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE OF THE VESSEL. THIS IS THE MAXIMUM PRICE AT WHICH THE VESSEL IS CERTAIN TO SELL WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD, NOT THE ASKING PRICE, OR LOWEST PRICE YOU WOULD ACCEPT. INCLUDE ALL CURRENT EQUIPMENT, GEAR, AND PERMITS. \$ _____

COMMENTS: